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## NEW YORK CITY

### BROOKLYN FRATS' PICNIC

Saturday, August 25th, was an ideal day, incidentally the day was also the time for Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N. F. S. D.'s Silver Jubilee picnic and games.

The scene was Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, N. Y., where for almost a generation the Athletic Field has been the scene of many a championship contests between deaf organizations. The attractions this year by the Brooklyn Frats included an indoor baseball game by the leading teams of the deaf—the Deaf-Mutes' Union League and the Margraf Athletic Club. The game was started at 5 o'clock P.M.

The players of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League were Samuel Zadra, right field; Morris Kruger, second base; Joseph Worzel, pitcher and short stop; Benjamin Shafranek, left field; L. Edwards, third base; Koritzer, centre field; Moses Moster, catcher, Intrator, and Moses Schnapp, first base, Morris Kremer, pitcher.

The Margraf Club's players were Milton Koplowitz, catcher; Ed. Kerwin, pitcher; Heintz, third base; Leo Port, short stop; Giordano, second base; Pokorny, first base; Forman, left field; Herbst, center field; Carroll, right field; Sam Cohen, right field.

The umpires were J. J. Uhl at plate and Messrs. Blend and LaCurato on bases. It was the closest game of softball baseball ever played by two deaf teams. Up to the 8th inning the score was tied 3 to 3. It was in the ninth inning that the winning run was made by the Deaf-Mutes' Union League.

Taken all in all it was a very good game, and greatly enjoyed by the spectators that surrounded the playing field.

The Margraf Club is composed of younger players, and played a better brand of baseball than the Union League boys who were composed of old players, but who still knew how to put it over, and as they did it, so ends another ball game in their favor.

The field games and other games followed immediately after the ball game. Moses Moster was the starter. The judges were Messrs. A. J. Bing, Israel Koplowitz and Anthony Capelle.

One hundred yards dash—Won by W. M. Pease, Jr.; George Harris was second and James Templeton, third.

Twenty-five yards (Kiddies)—Won by Gasper Arcileri.

Twenty-five yards dash (Ladies)—Won by Grace Redman, and her sister, Albina, was a close second. They are from Paterson, N. J., and their fond pa and ma were indeed proud of their achievement.

440 yards run—John Costello, first; Joe Bruno, second.

Ladies Ball Throwing contest, won by Mrs. Wm. Berkowitz, formerly of Boston, Mass.

One mile run—Won by W. M. Pease, Jr.; J. F. Farley, Jr. second.

One hundred yards rope skipping race—Won by Grace Redman.

In the evening most of those who congregated in the open field assembled in the pavilion, where there was stationed on the platform, an orchestra, and here dancing was kept up till a very late hour.

The arrangement committee were: Nathan Morrell, Chairman; Louis Baker, Vice-Chairman; Nicholas McDermott, Secretary; William Schurman, Treasurer; Maurice Moster, Athletics; William O'Brien and Martin Smith.

The officers of the Brooklyn Frats for the year 1934 are Benjamin Friedwald, president; Hy Dramis, vice-

president; Nicholas J. McDermott, secretary; Joseph L. Call, treasurer; Nathan Morrell, director; John Lynch, sergeant; H. J. Goldberg, patriarch; Thos. J. Gillen, Joe P. Dennen and Samuel Rogalsky, board of trustees.

After several years absence, the presence of Mr. Isaac Goldberg was noted at the Brooklyn Frats' picnic. His estimable spouse was also present.

Two of the first former presidents of No. 23, were as usual present at the picnic, namely, Harry Pierce Kane and Alexander Lester Pach.

Formerly the deaf used to attend picnics early, but on last Saturday's picnic most came after half past four o'clock. The baseball game was the chief attraction.

On Sunday, September 9th, 1934, there will be another softball baseball game, this time between the Deaf-Mutes' Union League and the Clark Athletic Club at Edgemere, L. I.

One of the most popular visitors in the metropolis after the N. A. D. convention, is Mrs. R. Lee Boswell, of Washington, D. C., who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Donovan. Mrs. Boswell is enjoying her visit, and is being lavishly entertained by friends including the Seebalds, Herings of Arlington, N. J., Klopsch, Williams, Maier, Metzger, Schneider, Schnackenberg, Fetscher, Dezendorf, Wren, Donovans. Mrs. Boswell expects to remain until late in September, and with the Donovans, they will attend the reunion at Mt. Airy, Pa., the week during Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcs H. Marks returned home on Wednesday, the 22d, after a six weeks' vacation at Greenfield Park, Ulster County, N. Y. They report a pleasant time. Their chief division was golf, of which the place has a handsome course.

On Thursday, August 16th, twenty-three girl operators at the Sheephead Telephone Company, gave Miss Elizabeth Pachter a shower for her coming wedding that will take place on September 15th. Miss Elizabeth Pachter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol. E. Pachter, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan J. Riley and daughter, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., have recently returned from an automobile trip through the Adirondacks to Paul Smiths, N. Y. They stopped at Schroon Lake and visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. McGinnis, who have a beautiful cottage overlooking the lake. Mr. Riley expects to return to Schroon Lake for a fishing and hunting trip with Mr. McGinnis in the fall.

Messrs. W. A. Renner and A. C. Stern went on a fishing trip to Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., Sunday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rappolt, and Edward, Jr. There were hundreds of full grown trout to be seen, but the party did not bring any bait and tackle along as it was not permitted at the State fish hatchery there.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dellova, on Thursday, August 23d, 1934, a baby-boy, weighing seven pounds. Mother and babe are doing well, and Daddy Dellova is all smiles now.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bothner have been in Mansfield, Pa., since August 5th, and intend to stay there till September 15th.

Mr. Peter Mitchell renewed acquaintance with the printing industry by a call at the JOURNAL office Monday.

The Labor Day week-end will see the usual exodus of a great many from the city. With two conventions scheduled at Springfield, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa., both only a comparatively short distance away, there will be a large number of Gothamites at each gathering. Eddie Carr will, of course, show up at his beloved Quaker City. Herbert Lieberz and his frau will auto to Springfield, and after fixing the springs of his car there, contemplates taking in the Thousand Islands and the Adirondacks. Inquiry as to why Anthony Capelle apparently forgot to go to Atlantic City this time discloses that the family is moving to a new apartment. Anthony is always handy at anything, from hoisting the piano to fixing the switch for the coffee percolator.

Mr. Clyde Graham arrived in New York City after a leisurely transcontinental trip from his home at Spokane, Wash., to Maine. On his arrival he promptly looked up New York's (to him) leading citizen, Mr. Alan Crammatte, a former schoolmate. He also was a guest over the week-end at Mrs. Cecelia Wilson Renner's home. Mr. Graham plans to take in the Philadelphia convention, after which he will stop-over at Washington, D. C., and Akron, Ohio, before heading for home via Chicago.

Mrs. Helena Smith is back in town feeling refreshed, after spending three weeks at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., with Mrs. M. Nicholson, daughter of Mr. H. Holmes.

Mr. James Garrick returned to his duties Monday after an enjoyable vacation at the New Jersey resorts.

The following is taken from the New York American of August 15th:

Three hundred thousand New York school children have been examined to test their hearing, the Board of Education announced yesterday.

The project to survey all children above the first grade to discover how many in the city were hard of hearing and how their school work was affected as a result started in January. So far more than 25,000 children have been discovered to be below normal in this respect.

During the summer, tests are confined to a few schools. One of the busiest is P. S. 25 in E. Fifth St.

Doctors, nurses and assistants conducting the tests are provided by the Department of Public Welfare.

Audiometer tests are given to all children at the start. If they fail to pass the first test they are given a second more thorough examination. If their hearing is found to be bad they are put in special school classes where special attention is paid to their disabilities. Thus they do not find themselves handicapped in their school work.

More than 15,000 hard-of-hearing children are attending lip-reading classes during the regular school terms.

## Sundry

Miss Anna Klaus, of Palisades Park, N. J., writes:

"Re the death of Miss Leontine Hagadorn, as recorded in a recent issue of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, I note the following paragraph, 'We believe she was related to Miss Caroline V. Hagadorn, a teacher of art at Fanwood in the seventies.'"

I asked my mother, who knew Miss Caroline personally for some years before her death, if she had ever heard of Miss Leontine. She said, "No, but that Miss Juana Hagadorn, a hearing woman, is a sister of Miss Caroline."

The older deaf in New York City, who remember Miss Juana, might be interested to know that she now lives in the Peabody Home at Pelham Bay, and that she is over eighty years of age.

## Kansas City

Evangelist Elsie Peters was in Kansas City for three weeks, and preached excellent sermons to the deaf. She has gone to her home in Los Angeles, Cal., and she expects to be back here some time in November, to organize a church for the deaf similar to one in her home town.

The heat here was intolerable for the past month, and after waiting in vain for a break, Misses Kathryn and Lila Buster and the family resorted to a trip to Colorado to escape it. They are back now after three weeks on road, and brought lots of souvenirs, along with a cool breeze.

Mr. James Flood, who is visiting here, accompanied the Busters on the trip. They traveled the length and breadth of Colorado. Cactus-gathering was their hobby, while in New Mexico, and they have quite a collection of various kinds.

James Mathes, too, had an idea of escaping heat, and went to Colorado with his father and family.

The progress of the razing of the building at the Kansas school is somewhat slow. The boys' dormitory was torn down to the ground a few days ago. As soon as the erection can be started on this site, the administration building will undergo razing.

Caroll MacWellbaum, a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wellbaum several weeks ago, is growing fast these days.

A keno social was held the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Murphy on August 11th.

Mr. Offerle's long absence is keenly felt here. He left nearly two months ago to visit his relatives in the East and in the meantime attended the N. A. D. Convention. He will be back before September 5th.

The 1935 N. F. S. D. Convention committee is studying with interest the outcome of the N. A. D. Convention. Chairman Tony Sexton, ably assisted by Oscar Sanford, has been laying out plans in the monthly meeting of the committee, and he is set to make the convention the best "we ever had." Mr. Sanford will have charge of the smoker, and knowing the kind of fellow he is as we do, we do not doubt that he will make it a successful affair. Of course, it all depends upon the number of people to make anything a success. While it is too early to start mentioning the convention, it is, however, necessary to remind those having a notion to go to make preparations for it.

It is fortunate that Kansas City is the heart of America—an ideal place for the convention-goers of North, South, East and West. No remote distance a barrier for them.

Before a small gathering of members of the Sphinx Literary Club at its monthly meeting, Fred Murphy expounded the theories of evolution, basing them mainly on the discoveries by geologists.

Clem Dillenschneider was one of the judges in a diving contest, in which successful contestants were selected as sectional representatives for the national contest to be held at Tulsa, Okla.

Glenn McConnell frequently makes a trip to St. Joseph in connection with his work as assistant instructor at the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mathes moved from Rosedale, Kan., to their old home near the Madison Day School for the Deaf.

A reunion will be held at the Missouri school from August 31st to September 3d. An excellent program has been arranged for those who plan to attend. M. M.



## CHICAGOLAND

A friendly soul is gone! It is Frederick Burdette Wirt. He passed away Tuesday morning, August 14th, 1934, at Research Hospital, University of Illinois, College of Medicine of Chicago. He was suffering from a chronic mastoiditis that became so acute at the beginning of July that he was compelled to leave Aurora for Chicago in order to gain specialized attention. Put under observation for about two weeks, he had a temperature meanwhile, which abated when he took for worse. He was operated on for brain abscess back of the ear. The day after, he regained clear consciousness, talked and laughed, and expressed a plan to re-visit the World's Fair to his wife, who was in constant devoted attendance; he outlined a route, starting from where they stopped, going through Northerly Island, so as to complete the tour, since he was now in Chicago. The second day he lost consciousness, and pneumonia set in, and on the third day there was no more hope. Mrs. Helen Edwards, his daughter, and Frederick Wirt, Jr., likewise were present constantly. Numerous friends called.

The funeral services took place, Thursday, August 16th, at 2 P.M., at St. Margaret Episcopal Church, 73d and Coles Avenues. Rev. Walter Pond, Rector of St. Barnabas, officiated. He knew him when he was very young, and, in later years, became better acquainted with him at conventions of the Episcopal ministers, and painstakingly kept him informed of the proceedings. Rev. George T. Flick also was at his side, rendering services in signs, from the books held by Rev. W. Pond. The pallbearers were Frederick Hinrichs, Walter Haley, Peter Livshis, Earl Nelson, Walter Hodgson and Edward Filliger, representing Chicago Division, No. 106. Even if Frederick Wirt had no near relatives on his side, all having died, the kinsfolk on his wife's side took the trip from Aurora to attend the services. The Saturday Evening Club, a private club with which he was associated for twenty-five years straight, were present in full force. It is not possible to know how many others came, or felt sincere tribute to his friendship.

Up to the time of his demise, he was secretary of Chicago Division, No. 106, for seven and a half consecutive years, and would have been glad to stick it out for ten years. As a charter member of this Chicago Division, he first started as its first vice-president before entering the secretaryship, for which he was peculiarly fitted. He lifted the office above routine by going into correspondence not generally demanded of his position. He was a letter-writer par excellence, having an easy natural command of the English language, not commonly found among the deaf. To read any one of his letters would incline one to believe that the art of letter-writing is far from dead. It was often closely written together on both sides of the sheets, in minute details, not uninteresting because of the way they were phrased, often either humorously or affectionately expressed.

Nor was the lodge division the only one to feel the loss keenly; it had been agreed among its members that "he was the best friend of all." The other group that will miss him is All Angels' Church for the Deaf, of which he was lay-reader for the last few years. Oralist as he was all his life, he began to learn the sign-language seven years ago, when he was over 45 years of age, and gradually succeeded to that position of a lay-reader. His wide historical knowledge of churches and that of the Episcopal branch stood him in good stead. Had he fully mastered the sign-language, he could have ranked with Rev. Flick and entered the order of ministry. Rev. Flick acknowledged his qualities from the pulpit at the funeral.

Frederick B. Wirt was born at Frankfurt, Ind., October 16th, 1881. He attended McCowen Oral School, a

private institution on the south side, later superseded by Parker Oral Day School for the Deaf, which is at present distinguished for its high order of lip-readers who frequently enter high schools with the hearing. He was graduated from University High School, located at the University of Chicago, and entered the Art Institute, where he stayed for seven years, on and off. Thus, he developed into an architect, a profession he followed for nearly thirty years. At the outset he was apparently unsatisfied with himself. At the age of twenty-five, he went to Europe, where he sojourned for one year, first attending Oxford College, England, for a few months' prosecuting further studies of architecture, and spent the rest at Paris, painting. This achievement was all the more remarkable, when all the expenses were paid out of his own earnings he had saved.

When he returned, he was married in 1907 to Harriet Doty, another well-educated lip-reader. They raised two children. In May, 1924, his wife died when the younger of two, a son, were not yet in teens. In August, 1925, he married Lydia Solisburg, of Aurora, an old schoolmate of his, and a deaf woman of wit and sympathetic insight.

A word in retrospect may be put in regarding his architectural work. He was connected with many famous builders of his day. Such a number of houses and residences for wealthy people he designed that the writer of this column could not keep track. In later years, with changing times, he designed manufacturing buildings. One of them that may be cited, such as Hall Printing Company, covering several blocks. Like all others, he was hard knocked by the depression and the reduced group of his friend architects by death. He moved to Aurora, Ill., with his wife in 1931. Since then, he, for once and the last time, was given a commission to design a mansion in Evanston, Ill., valued at \$200,000.

In Aurora he had enough to keep him busy. He learned gardening, and that soon became one of his hobbies. Another one was linoleum-block cutting and the making of Christmas cards. He progressed in the former so that there was a demand, and he cut a score of blocks for a Baltimore periodical, each for every month. He was just another on designing book-plates, and tentatively tinkered with bookbinding as a fine art with Peter Livshis, when the untimely end came.

One wonders at Frederick Wirt's inner resources, not yet exhausted, and his painting talents not having yet borne full fruition. He was by nature modest. Consequently not very many were aware of his strength of potentialities. He was universally esteemed for his wide tolerance and friendship, and he was a trusted keeper of confidences. In public, he was not a great talker, but in private, a few had the good fortune to have roamed with him far and wide intellectually. He had more books than his five bookcases could hold. As a friend, there are not many like him.

Louis Lubow and Annie Wallack, the eldest, were married on the 29th of July. As if it was not enough, Mrs. Wallack, the mother, became a grandmother for the first time with the birth of a baby to her second daughter around that time.

Stephen C. Kuflewshis, his wife and son returned August 9th, after ten days' vacation at McHenry, Fox River Valley.

Likewise did Emanuel Mayer from Minocqua, Wis., after twelve days of mopping around and recuperating from a recent illness caused by the nature of physical work he handles for the city. In the neighborhood of his summer home is another belonging to Walter Werner, who expects to visit it in September for his annual fishing.

Frances Lighthome was the recipient of a wedding shower given by her sister at her home on Wednesday evening, August 15th, with a majority of hearing women. Mr. Greenheck, the same evening, was treated to a

bachelor party at the same address on a different floor.

A "grand" time was had by about twenty-two people at a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Hulda Thorsell, Saturday evening, August 18th, at her home. Games were played and delicious refreshments served. Mrs. Thorsell received many useful articles.

Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf does not forget how to give its members a regular, though by no means new, deal. It was a picnic at Caldwell Forest Preserve, Sunday, August 19th. There is the difference: Previously, the members were served all refreshments, solid and liquid, free of charge, through the committee work; this time the members were invited to come, and also to bring their own lunches. Whosoever, any member, was present, was given a half-dollar for the eats each brought for himself or herself. The committee ingeniously is freed from the bother of preparing food for organized mouths. Non-members and visitors that came along were quite miscellaneous. The size was not bigger or smaller than last year, indicating that the club seems to keep an easy and unworried pace.

Among the visitors at that picnic was noted Mr. Charles Honig, a New Yorker, recently arrived for a planned three weeks' visiting, which, of course, will include the World's Fair. The Livshis pair, Flora Herzberg and Esther Budd, who recently went over to the N. A. D. convention, were surprised to see themselves "reciprocated" by Mr. Honig thus soon.

A truck party that had been arranged for a trip to Milwaukee, Wis., last Sunday, August 19th, did not materialize. It was in consequence of death in the family of Carter Henningsen, the owner and driver of the truck. It was his grandfather that passed away. Nevertheless, a sizable number of Chicagoans made their way to their nearest largest city by private car or by train. The occasion was the all-state picnic at that place.

Mrs. J. W. Tipton, of Toronto, Kan., was in Chicago recently to attend the funeral of her daughter, who died suddenly.

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### The Theatre Guild

Messrs. John N. Funk and Samuel Block have volunteered their services, and will aid Mr. Emerson Romero in organizing and directing the destinies of the Theatre Guild of the Deaf. They will act in the coming "Varieties" and will also serve as co-directors with Mr. Romero in organizing the Guild itself. With these two additions to the fold, progress has already been made and work on the project has actually started.

Mr. Funk needs no introduction to the deaf of Greater New York. He is at present vice-president of the Union League and an indefatigable worker in the affairs of that organization. As secretary of the local committee, he was in charge of the publicity and secretarial work of the last N. A. D. convention. However, it was as a director, producer and actor in theatricals of the deaf that Mr. Funk gained his greatest fame. His production of "Cyrano de Bergerac" is remembered as one of the greatest efforts of its sort ever presented on the amateur stage. Besides producing and directing the play, Mr. Funk took the leading part, that of the beloved Cyrano, and his consummate interpretation of that difficult role has lingered long in the memories of those fortunate enough to have seen it. Mr. Romero hopes to have the Guild finance another production of "Cyrano" in the near future, as a great number of the deaf are clamoring for a revival.

Mr. Block, a graduate of City College, is well versed in accounting practices and can serve as treasurer of the Guild. He is widely read and has a vast knowledge of various plays and literary works, and this knowledge should be an asset to the Guild

in the selection of its future productions. Mr. Block is a member of the Literary Committee of the Union League. He will also be remembered as an able stooge in Mr. Romero's comedy skits presented last spring.

Additional officers will be chosen at the organization meeting to be held in the near future. The Guild now has twenty-three members.

### The New England Home

After a service of nearly twelve years, J. Daniel Nichols has resigned as superintendent of the New England Home for Deaf-Mutes. Under date of May 9th last he requested to be released immediately from the responsibilities of the office, and at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 1st, the resignation was accepted with regret. Dr. Conrad has sent the following letter of appreciation to Mr. Nicholas:—

Dear Mr. Nichols:

The Board of Trustees of the New England Home for Deaf-Mutes desire to express to you their appreciation of the faithful service you have rendered to the home as superintendent, and also as a member of the Board of Trustees.

You have shown yourself loyal and faithful through the years of your connection with us, and you have been a real help to many members of the home. We are sure that the severing of official relations as superintendent will not lessen your interest and your readiness to serve as opportunity offers. We have only words of praise for the help you have given. You will ever have our heartiest good-will and warmest friendship. May you have health and strength for many years to come and continue to be a blessing to the home in every way.

And may I add a personal word of warmest regard as president of the home. I have noted your zeal and devotion, and have rejoiced in all the good work you have done.

Ever faithfully your friend,

A. Z. CONRAD, President

For the Board of Trustees of the New England Home for Deaf-Mutes.

Mr. Nichols was the third trustee to have executive management of the home, and the first deaf person to serve in that capacity, and his term of service exceeded that of either of his predecessors. Rev. George H. Spencer, while pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Everett, was the general manager from 1909 to 1911, when removal from the city impelled his resignation. He was succeeded by William Alcott, who served as managing trustee until 1922, when he resigned on account of illness. Mr. Nichols was elected managing trustee on November 10, 1922, and his title was made superintendent under revised By-Laws in 1927.

Friends of the home and of the Ladies' Auxiliary are invited to the charity ball and bridge whist party at Brightelmstone Club 541 Cambridge Street, Allston, on Saturday evening, September 29th, which has been planned by the Ladies' Auxiliary in aid of the home. During the summer members have been busy with its details, and parties to promote it have been held by Mrs. Hull in Arlington, Mrs. Shaw in Beverly, and Mrs. Zwicker in Lynn.

Two estates in which the home had an interest as residuary legatee, have been settled in recent weeks and the treasurer has received final payments from them. From the estate of George Green Cook, of Milford, Mass., came a check for \$46, which brought the total up to \$9,509. From the Old Colony Trust Company came the sum of \$814.88, which with previous payments from the estate of Frances E. Pendexter, of Chelsea, Mass., brought the total receipts on that account up to \$3,414.88.

Mr. O. Roscoe Mangrum, of Asbury Park, N. J., and Mr. John Schmidt, of Elizabeth, N. J., were on an automobile tour of the Southern States recently. They attended the Virginia Association of the Deaf convention in Newport News, Va. Mr. Schmidt has just secured a position in the Asbury hotel where the group of Gallaudet College boys are working.



## Baltimore, Md.

August 4th, over three hundred deaf people from different parts of Maryland attended the fifty-seventh annual picnic at Grove No. 10 in beautiful Druid Hill Park. It was said to be the largest assembly in its history. Old-timers were pleased to see each other, and they talked their heads off. The committee arranged the games at the last minute's notice, because Ray Kauffman, who was in charge of the games, was in the hospital. The winners were:

**Men.**—Snaking the clubs, R. Pieffer. Shoe-race, R. Amberg. Egg-catching (couples) R. and A. Price. Human wheel-barrow, T. Miller and Miss Erbe.

**Ladies.**—Snaking the clubs, E. Wenner. Candle contest, E. Nicol. Running backward, E. Nicol. Necktie race, Miss Marsh.

August 5th, at 8:30 A.M., more than two hundred people took a pleasant two hours' boat ride to Tolchester Beach. During our eight hours' stay at the beach, the writer found some of them took naps, others strolled through the amusement park, and the majority swam in the clean, cold water. Returning, on the same boat, to the pier in the dark, we could see miles and miles of beautifully electric-lighted city. We were tired but happy, and we bade adieu till next year.

July 22d, the Baltimore Division, under the direction of Chairman Noppenberger, held an annual boat-excursion to Fairview Beach. About one hundred and fifty were present. The winners of the land games were:

**Ladies.**—Basketball, A. Feast. Hop-ping race, P. Nicol. Backward race, E. Nicol.

**Men.**—Basketball, Mr. Scott. Hop-ping race, H. Mills. Backward race, L. Delucca.

In the water, those winning were: **Ladies.**—Wheel-barrow race, E. Nicol. Fifty-yard dash, T. Nicol. Frog race, E. Kunnicke.

**Men.**—Wheel-barrow race, Mr. Pleffer. One-hundred-yard dash, Mr. Atkinson. Frog race, Mr. Goldberg.

Mrs. Louis Divine and her daughter, Hope, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. Whildin for a few days. Then they were the week-end guests of the Wallaces. Mr. Divine taught and prepared John for Gallaudet College.

Nearly six weeks Mrs. Divine and Hope had stayed and visited their relatives in Philadelphia, Mrs. Divine's home town. Mrs. Divine had not seen her people for twenty years. Today the East is strange to her, and she gets homesick for dear old Washington State. Miss Elizabeth Moss took Mrs. Divine and Hope in her car to Frederick, Md., and visited the Maryland school. Then they motored to Washington, D. C., where they visited several important places. The Divines took a bus to Virginia to visit Mr. McDonald, whose father taught carpentry at the Washington school.

Mrs. Divine will soon be on her way to the school in Vancouver, Wash., where she will resume her work as a teacher, and Hope will go to Louisiana, as a teacher, too.

In the Los Angeles column in the last issue of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, August 16th, the writer found that Mr. Louis Divine and his son, the principal of the Louisiana school, took an auto tour in California, meeting old friends. Mr. Divine had such a wonderful time there that he decided to bring his wife down next summer. Oh, yea! just wait and see what Mrs. Divine has to say about her Eastern trip.

July 28th there was a special meeting of the F. F. F. S. at the Wallace's. They decided to hold a stage-play at the Schange's Hall, Pennsylvania Avenue, near North Avenue, on October 27th. Remember the date.

Miss O. Whildin, with her parents, Mabel and Patsy, drove to Frostburg, Md., where they met Roy Nilson, who drove there from Columbus, O. Roy took Mabel and Patsy back home. Returning to Baltimore, the Whildins stopped at Cumberland, visiting the

Mettys. The trip was uneventful on account of the rainy day.

Mrs. George Leitner was seriously ill for a while. It is said that she is on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Howard Metty and her son were the week-end guest of the Wallaces. Her husband, who had to stay at his work, joined them at Tolchester Beach.

Mr. Ray Kauffman is resting at home. He will start work in the last week of August.

Mr. Leo Newman bought a brand-new Pontiac coach. He works in the clerical department of an insurance company, where his brothers are in charge.

August 18th, the members of the F. F. F. S. held a card party at the McCall's. The prize of a German beer-mug was given to Mr. S. Stegmerten for the largest points on the men's side, and the cake-server to Mrs. George Brown on the ladies' side. Two bags of candy were sold at a nickel. Admission was twenty-five cents a person. Refreshments of ice-cream and cake were served.

August 19th, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss and daughter, Bessie, invited five Washingtonians and sixteen Baltimoreans to a dinner at a country inn, The Glenmore Inn, on York Road. The Washingtonians were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wood, Miss Edith Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harmon. The Baltimoreans were Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. R. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rebal, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kauffman, Rev. and Mrs. O. Whildin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wriede and Mr. and Mrs. A. Herdtfelder. Five cars, loaded with people, were driven through the beautiful scenery of Maryland to visit the Prettyboy Dam. Then they drove to the inn, where a delicious dinner was served. After the dinner, Rev. Whildin acted as the toastmaster. He then invited a few, who were not prepared, to speak. They expressed their appreciations for the kind invitation, which they will cherish in their memories.

The beautiful rolling hills of Maryland so impressed the Washingtonians that they decided to come back again soon. Better do it in the autumn, when the leaves in the woods will change into all sorts of colors.

August 21, 1934.

J.

## Rev. Charles J. Burger, C.S.S.R.

The Rev. Charles J. Burger, a Redemptorist Father, for many years a missionary to the Catholic deaf of the country, died Tuesday night, August 20th, in Baltimore, his native city. He was sixty years old and had been in declining health for some months.

Although being hard of hearing from youth, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1899. Because of this affliction, he expressed a desire to help others with the same deprivation; therefore his superiors permitted him to become a missionary to the Catholic deaf. He was one of the well-known and popular triumvirate of Redemptorists who traveled the Union giving missions to the Catholics. The others of this band were the late Father Thomas Galvin and Father Daniel Higgins, who has seen twenty-five years of this work and is still "in harness."

Father Burger was an expert in the sign-language, one who was more concerned with using clear and carefully-selected signs rather than giving a lengthy sermon. He had the distinction of being the only priest known to have given missions in three boroughs of the city a few years ago.

At one time Father Burger was attached to the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the Bronx, but did not take an active part in the work for the deaf of the city. His last assignment in connection with the deaf was in Rochester, where he acquired a chapel for their use.

F.

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## OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Miss B. Edgar, 56 Latta Ave., Columbus, O.

Last Sunday, August 16th, as Mrs. A. B. Davis was going down to her dinner at her home, in some way she made a misstep and pitched down the stairs, rolling over and over. Mr. Davis was going down right behind her, and the shock of seeing her go unnerved him. Both are well along in years and none too well.

Mrs. Davis was taken to St. Francis Hospital, suffering much pain. An X-ray showed that the pelvis bone had been fractured, and she was badly bruised all over. At this writing she is resting quietly in the hospital, with her daughter, Mrs. August Beckert, and Mr. Davis constantly with her. Their home is just across Washington Avenue from the school, where both Mr. and Mrs. Beckert are officials. Their many friends are hoping for a speedy recovery. As soon as allowed, Mrs. Davis will be removed to her home and be under Mrs. Beckert's care.

Miss Katherine Toskey came to Columbus recently from Cincinnati to join a party of friends who had taken a cottage at Buckeye Lake. There they enjoyed a week of boating, fishing and swimming and a general good time. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Casper Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. L. LaFountain, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz, the newlyweds—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller—Miss Virginia Thompson and Miss Toskey. The latter returned to Cincinnati on the 19th.

The following is from a Cincinnati paper sent to me:

"The serious financial plight of St. Rita School for the Deaf, Skillman Road, revealed by those in charge of the institution, has stimulated friends of the institution to launch plans for bringing relief through the staging of a 'Visiting Day' Monday, September 3d, Labor Day. It is hoped to raise a substantial fund through the bazaar, which will be conducted as a feature in connection with a family outing of friends and supporters of the school.

"The board of directors of SS. Mary and Joseph Society has taken the leadership in plans for the event. Committees are being organized to take charge of the various booths and to direct other phases of the fete."

On the grounds of the school is a picturesque barn, and this has been scrubbed till it shines, and will become a cafeteria for September 3d—a real "Barn Cafeteria." Meals will be served for twenty-five cents, but a more elaborate meal can be had for a higher price.

Another clipping from Cincinnati tells of Silent Rattan's defeat there August 2d. He seems to be very popular there.

George Gable successfully defended his junior middleweight championship against Everett (Silent) Rattan Thursday night at Crosley Field. Gable's victory came as a result of his torturous leg strangle, which he managed to secure after twenty-seven minutes of fast wrestling.

Both men went at top speed from start to finish and for awhile it looked like Rattan might regain the title. The Ft. Worth (Tex.) deaf-mute and former titleholder lost his crown to Gable in Lexington several weeks ago.

Both men wrestled cleanly. Rattan's bid for victory came after some fifteen minutes of wrestling, when he sent Gable flying to the mat with a series of bucks and tackles. Rattan also used a wristlock to advantage, but Gable was able to overcome the effects of the hold.

Silent Olsen of Danville, Ky., referred the match in faultless style.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weber, of Cincinnati, have been enjoying a visit in Columbus with Mrs. Weber's mother.

Mr. Nathan Henick, after waiting patiently to be called back to his old job at the Overland plant in Toledo, received an offer to work with the Fisher Body Co., in Lansing, Mich. Of course, he gladly accepted and moved his family there. He and Mrs. Henick will be greatly missed in Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Connolly and Mr.

C. Martin, of Columbus, enjoyed a short stay at Russell Point, Indian Lake, and while there, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goetz and Mr. William Arras, of Wapakoneta, were their guests to enjoy fishing at this resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Goetz's daughter has been visiting her grandmother in Corpus Christi, Texas, since she graduated in June from the Wapakoneta High School.

The Ohio School opens September 17th. The pupils return on the 15th and 16th.

Word reached us that while Miss Bess Hunter, one of the teachers, was in Kansas this summer, she suffered the loss of a sister there. Miss Hunter is now at Piqua, O., with a brother.

Everyone in Columbus was shocked to learn yesterday, August 21st, that Mrs. Earl Crossen and her two young sons were struck and badly hurt when alighting from a street car at Broad and High Street. A few others were injured, and one elderly lady died soon after the accident. The Crossens were rushed to St. Francis Hospital and given medical attention. Later they were taken to their home. We have not yet learned how severely they were injured. The older boy, Richard, was thrown half-way across Broad Street.

It seems a man had parked his car in front of the State House and left his keys in the car. A 15-year-old boy spied the keys, and wishing to take a ride, got in and although he had never driven a car, started to. He struck a street car, drove through the party just alighted, and was stopped only when he ran into another car. Officers captured him and discovered he was a lad who had been arrested for thievery often, and was last year paroled from the Boys Industrial School at Lancaster. One much-beloved lady dead, her sister badly injured and the three Crossens hurt, because such a boy was given his freedom from the reform school.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Divine, of Washington State, last Monday morning, when she came to my home with Mrs. Ella Zell, whom she was visiting for a few days. She left Tuesday for Richmond, Ind.

E.

## A Reminder of the Past

Years ago, fired with ambition but with very little ready cash, we started our business career by establishing the New England Linotype School. One of the first scholars to enroll, we found to our dismay, was both deaf and dumb. It seemed like an impossible task to transmit to our deaf and dumb scholar the mysteries of the linotype, but to our surprise he took to it like a fish to water and graduated in due time. For many New Years after that we received a remembrance card from our graduate, who was successfully holding a job as a linotype operator. So when he visited Boston recently, we were pleasantly surprised at a call from him, and blushed with pride when he wrote on his ever-ready block of paper that the first thing he did in Boston was to look us up. We found that for years he has held a steady position as linotype operator on the *Utica Daily Press*, is happily married and has a pleasant home of his own. We feel well repaid that he still remembers us and feels that we had a little something to do with his success. Good luck to Richard McCabe of Utica, N. Y.—*The Lamp*, (Boston, Mass.).

Mrs. L. Douglas, of Gardiner, Mass., is keeping up well in spite of her advanced age. She has been at a daughter's cottage for a month at Annisquam, and expects to go to another daughter's camp at Fernbush, near Albany, and hopes to meet the Browns and Langes. Mrs. Douglas is the wife of Ranauld Douglas, remembered by many as the leading deaf photographer of a generation ago.



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MR. JOHN M. PAUL, representing the deaf of Australia, in his paper "Thoughts on Some Aspects of Work for the Deaf in Australia," throws revealing light over the experience of the deaf in their efforts to control their own social and welfare affairs. Mr. Paul is a hearing gentleman who has devoted his time and efforts to the interests of the deaf, particularly those residing in Brisbane, Australia. As he remarks, he is strongly prejudiced in favor of the deaf and their control of their own associations. This has brought him ostracism from those who are seeking to use pretended aid to the deaf for their own advantage.

Work for the adult deaf in Australia was originally founded and carried on by the deaf themselves. It progressed by degrees, and unselfish hearing men and women rendered generous assistance. An organization was founded to bring closer together the deaf of the widely separated State associations, but this became a cause of division for the reason that hearing persons, controlling local societies, feared to allow the deaf to have any real voice in the management; the deaf were to constitute the membership, but have no officers or authority. One hearing ruler said "I am the Association;" he made it so with the result that the society passed into a state of coma.

It was later proposed to revive the association and enquiries seeking suggestions were made. A full gathering of the deaf was held, and the body named it an Association of the Deaf. Thus certain hearing interests set up a camouflaged barrier, using the term "Deaf" for their own purposes. One committee of the association would not even allow a deaf person to sit with them, and one presiding officer said that if any deaf person were to have any say in the society's affairs none of the committee would sit with him. The result has been that constitutions of organizations supported by the public for the benefit of the deaf have been so manipulated so as to prevent the deaf from having any direct representation.

Controlling bodies of such public organizations require that they alone shall decide what are the best interests of the deaf to whom they are personally strangers; an experienced welfare officer has not even the right to a hearing in behalf of the deaf. In Mr. Paul's opinion it is necessary for the deaf to realize the situation and to acquire the ability to solve their own problems in order to control the influences bearing on their well-being. One great difficulty is that the hearing bloc is strong in number and has interlocking interests apart from the deaf. With social prestige and economical hold on the pay envelopes they have formed rules of procedure under which they hold the power; they ignore the wishes of the deaf while claiming "To provide the means of social, mental and moral improvement." In fact they do all that is possible to prevent the deaf from becoming the informed protogomists of their own cause.

Mr. Paul hopes that a time will arrive when the deaf of Australia will meet and control their own problems. They must secure representation of the subscribing public in the board of managers of the Association, as well as the revision of the Constitution which now empowers a small hearing clique to select voting members. With the assistance of disinterested and sympathetic hearing colleagues on the Board of the Association the work will progress in an atmosphere of peace and good will. This is what the deaf of Australia must struggle for in order to control their own Association.

AFTER having been read and discussed, several important papers were turned over to the Secretary and are not at hand for reference. Mr. Winfield Scott Runde, of California, in an interesting paper pointed out that the deaf should unite in their organizations for their existence and rights. He argued that the government positions, now closed to the deaf, should be opened where competitive examinations favor them. He believes that there are many positions available where hearing is not essential, and yet the deaf are denied the opportunity to prove their fitness because of unreasonable rulings of the heads of departments. For instance, there are now positions in the United States Post Office Department that any intelligent deaf person could fill with eminent satisfaction, such as mail distributor, directory research, and the like. Yet these positions are not available to the deaf.

In a paper on "The Unfavorable Attitude toward The Deaf of Insurance Compensation Companies," the Rev. J. Stanley Light, of Boston, urged the Association to investigate and correct the prejudices of some insurance companies against deaf workmen engaged in some fields of industry. He believes that in some cases there were evidences of prejudice used as an excuse for not employing deaf workmen. He believes that mill and factory executives often interpret the law as they please.

In "The Crisis," a paper read by its author, Mr. Charles L. Clark, of Scranton, Pa., argued for a national paper to bring cohesion among the deaf. He urged that the Association publish a magazine on the line of *The Silent Worker* to facilitate such cohesion among groups of the deaf. He further expressed the belief that

fraternal orders, which formerly discouraged membership by the deaf, were not only willing to have them, but were inviting them to membership.

Another very interesting paper on "Sidelights on the C. W. A. Survey of the Deaf," we hope to obtain later and publish in full. It is worthy of careful reading and consideration as relating to a subject of very recent and most serious discussion. Among other things he expressed the opinion that the light the survey threw on the number of occupations in which the deaf have been successful in itself was worth almost the complete cost.

The last, but by no means least important of the series of papers of the business program was "The Missing Link," prepared and delivered by Mr. Marcus L. Kenner, of New York. With the inquiry as to where the N. A. D. was heading, Mr. Kenner would meet the criticism that has been cast upon the Association's seeming inactivity between conventions—particularly by those whose primary idea is the procurement and security of a job—by a definite proposal. Other organizations do not hesitate to accept public support, and so have little difficulty in obtaining their desired objectives. The deaf, while opposed to discrimination against them, yet apparently are discriminating against themselves. We need to employ *Publicity*, to bring ourselves into the market of the hearing world, which now does not understand or know us.

The N. A. D. needs a National Social Welfare Agency, with a central clearing bureau manned by well-informed and experienced representatives, who are familiar with the problems of the deaf. Such a link joining the N. A. D., and the hearing world in general is what the Association has lacked, and still lacks. A link of this character can be formed by affiliation with the National Council for the Physically Handicapped. He directed attention to the valuable advice and suggestions of the late A. Felix Nash, in his "What Price Normalcy?," delivered by him at the Buffalo convention, but upon which no definite action was taken by the Association. In conclusion Mr. Kenner said: "I like to believe that we all wish to increase the effectiveness of this organization. If I am not mistaken, the deaf everywhere desire action—not glittering generalities. Now is the time to present our needs to the attention of the fund-raising and community organizations, as well as to the Government, so as to make special provision for various work relief for the deaf. The N. A. D. should henceforth prove itself alert to the vital needs of the deaf and, to my mind, it can only do so by helping to supply the missing link—namely, a National Social Welfare Agency for the Deaf."

## Greensburg, Pa.

B. F. Widaman, of Greensburg, returned recently from an enjoyable vacation spent with relatives and friends in Warsaw, Ind. His nephew, one of Warsaw's leading attorneys, accompanied him to South Bend, Ind., by motor, on business. They were privileged to visit the famed Notre Dame University, which impressed them favorably. Mr. Widaman is contemplating a trip by train to Harrisburg and Hershey, where he will spend Labor Day, September 3d, with friends.

## Virginia Convention a Success

The Virginia Association of the Deaf held its tenth convention at Newport News, a thriving city on the famed James River, (the city where is located William Charles Ritter's school for colored deaf), August 17th to 19th. Contrary to expectation, the attendance was unusually large. Much enthusiasm was exhibited in the proceedings.

The mayor of the city was on hand to "deliver the keys of the burg," his address showing himself well acquainted with the deaf and having a desire to further promote their interests.

No set papers were read, except President Quinley's address, which drew forth favorable comments from the local daily press. One or two had editorials which showed that better opinions are held about the deaf and their desires for a square deal in the industrial world.

Several resolutions were passed, most being concerned with local or state matters as far as the Virginians are concerned. Resolutions endorsing affiliation with the National Association of the Deaf and advocating are increased number of Virginian members of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf were passed.

In the election of officers to serve during the ensuing biennium, J. P. Disharoon, of Hampton, was chosen president; Meade B. Dalton, of Richmond, first vice-president; Mrs. Isadore Hurowitz, of Staunton, second vice-president; Arthur G. Tucker, of Richmond, secretary, and Obie Nunn, of Martinsville, treasurer.

Richmond was chosen as the site of next year's convention, the exact date to be decided upon by the executive committee.

The meeting wound up with an excursion to Buckroe Beach, where spirited contests for prizes were the order of the day.

The gathering wound up with religious services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the 19th.

Steamboats, buses, railroads and individual automobiles were made use of to bring in "delegates."

Altogether this "get-together" was a pleasant event in the lives of the Virginians, who were fortunate to be at Newport News.

H. L. T.

## Report of July Placements

The report of Miss Margarette Helmle, the placement officer for the deaf of New York City, for the month of July, shows the following individuals placed:

*New York School for the Deaf.*—Candy packers 6, lamp shade gluer 1, assembler fountain pens 1, total 8.

*Lexington Avenue School.*—Candy packer 1.

*St. Joseph's School.*—Candy packers 2, wreath maker 1, screw machine operator 1, laundry worker 1, key punch operator 1, hand sewer lamp shades 1, inspector 1, total 8.

Total placements made 17; visits made to employers especially for the deaf, 32.

## Kear-Zieske

The marriage vows of Albertine Kear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley A. Kear and Paul C. Zieske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Zieske of Bay City, were read at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, the eighteenth of August. The Rev. Lane W. Barton officiated at the ceremony.

Following a reception at Minnetonka Beach, the bridal couple left on a northern honeymoon trip. After September 1st, they will make their home on Detroit Street in the city of Flint, where Mr. Zieske still holds a position as Athletic Director at the Michigan School for the Deaf since his graduation from Gallaudet College with the Class of 1931.



PHILADELPHIA

Welcome, everybody! Philadelphia is all set for the forty-eighth convention of the P. S. A. D., in conjunction with the ninth reunion of the Alumni Association of the P. S. D., starting next Friday, August 31st. For full details see adv. on last page of this issue.

The Fairy Godmothers Club, which had been closed for the summer, started the 1934-35 season when the members took an excursion to Wildwood on Wednesday, August 15th. The day started dismally, with rain coming down in sheets, but this did not deter nine of the twenty members who showed up at the station, and they were amply repaid with a nice sunshiny day upon their arrival at Wildwood. Mrs. Emma Dantzer, Honorary Member of the club, who has a bungalow there and where she spends every summer, invited the members to her home for a light breakfast. Bathing in the surf on the beach took up most of the day, and in the evening they returned home, each voting it a splendid success for an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rothmund, of Olney, gave a party in honor of Mrs. Harrison Leiter, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rockwell, of Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday evening, August 8th.

After spending nearly a month visiting relatives, Mrs. Harrison Leiter left for Chicagoland on Thursday, August 16th, in company of her two little twin daughters.

Mrs. Israel Steer is staying at Atlantic City for two weeks with her daughter. Mr. Steer rushes down to see her during the week-ends.

Mrs. Joseph Schmuckler with her little boy, Jerry, have just returned home after sojourning at Atlantic City for two weeks.

Mrs. Frances O'Donnell has been spending the month of August visiting her parents up in Scranton, Pa. She expects to be home in time for the P. S. A. D. convention at Mt. Airy.

We notice the passing of Mr. Frank Kuhn's oldest sister, Mrs. Catherine Schnadler, on August 10th. She had been an invalid for seven years. Funeral services were held on August 13th.

A recent visitor to our fair city was Mr. Robert C. Powers from Chicago-way. He has been traveling extensively and was on his way to New York and thence to Cincinnati, and then home, when he stopped off here.

The hearing sister of Mrs. Nathan Schwartz, whom many of the Jewish deaf know quite well, left for Chicago on August 21st to take in the World's Fair. She will be married there and the bride and groom (I couldn't get the name) will then go to New Mexico for their honeymoon.

Mr. Charles Paxton, of Olney, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils at the American Stomach Hospital on August 7th. While there, a needle which had been imbedded in his leg about thirty-five years ago was removed.

Christian Unger, Harry Dooner and Mr. and Mrs. John Dunner motored up to Scranton on Sunday, August 12th, to attend the Scranton-Binghamton Frat Divisions' annual picnic. Leaving Scranton at 7 P.M. in the evening for the return journey home, they got their roads mixed-up and for a time they were traveling further away from home before they realized their mistake. At 3 A.M. in the morning they had the misfortune to run out of gas, and after a harrowing experience of trying to secure gas, it was 6 in the morning when they got home, in time for a cup of coffee and then to go to work.

A farewell party was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Balasa on Saturday evening, August 18th, by some fifteen of their friends. Mr. Balasa has just secured a position as instructor in tailoring at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, Danville,

Ky. He expects to leave Philadelphia some time in the earlier part of September. Mrs. Balasa and the children will follow later after Mr. Balasa has secured a place to live in. We are all sorry to see Joe go, as he was about just getting settled in his tailoring business, but since opportunity beckoned, we wish him all the luck in his new position.

The Silent Athletic Club's annual picnic took place on Sunday, August 19th, and a truckload of members and ladies rumbled up to Indian Head Park, not quite far from Norristown, Pa. The day was bright and ideal, and this tended to make a merry time for all.

Out-of-towners who motored to the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McCormick, with a party of friends from Allentown, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Minter, from Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fragin, of Wilmington, Del., Mr. Robert Johnston, of Wilmington, Del., in company with his sister, Mrs. Paul Gromis, of Reading, Pa., and the Freimel family from Norristown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Partington, of West Philadelphia, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last August 4th. To commensurate the event, they took a cruise to Bermuda on August 1st, returning August 13th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Partington are English-born and attended the school for the deaf in Manchester, England. They came to the United States forty-five years ago and became citizens of Uncle Sam. Felicitations!

Mr. James Patterson, aged 61 years, passed away last August 19th at the Byberry Hospital. His remains were interred in Mt. Moriah Cemetery on August 22d.

Deaf Children Taught to Read By "Directions"

A group of children has been taught to read, without oral instruction by the use of "written directions," Professor Arthur I. Gates, of Teachers' College, who conducted the experiment, revealed recently in an address there.

The children were deaf. The material from which they learned was printed and mimeographed, with all illustrations done with a stylus on mimeograph stencils. Even with these somewhat crude facilities, the deaf children learned rapidly.

"To our real amazement," Dr. Gates said, "they were able at the end of the year, in which less time was devoted to reading than in a typical public school, to read even at a corresponding grade position."

Dr. Gates cited this experiment to illustrate the possibility of emancipating teachers from the need of spending long hours drilling their classes in the "three Rs." He called the teaching of these "tool subjects" routine drudgery which interferes with real teaching, "developing character, introducing the child to the world about him, cultivating mental, social emotional, recreational and other resources and doing the many other things which the progressive programs of education call for.

"To anyone who studies the nature and causes of difficulties in the instrumental subjects, it becomes clear how enormous is the burden placed upon the teacher's shoulders of teaching these skills," said Dr. Gates.

"If the teacher fails, it is not because he is too lazy, ignorant or perverse, but because she has to spend most of her time and energy laboriously preparing materials to teach and painstakingly teaching thirty or forty pupils of varied aptitude the fundamental instrumental skills.

"An absolute prerequisite of progressiveness in education is the development of means of reducing greatly this enormous, this almost crushing burden.

"I predict this will be done in the near future. I predict that within two or three decades the teacher will no longer need to be a slave to the three Rs."

Present dependence on oral instruction, said Professor Gates, is survival

of the days when printing was less universal and good textbooks few.

"Teachers must talk," he said. "Such is our tradition. The present American method is a product of necessity in the days when we had no good and inexpensive books, and when practice exercises, effective printed diagrams, pictures, charts, models, motion pictures and phonographs were unknown, or at least unused."—World-Telegram, Aug. 17.

Convention of the New England Gallaudet Association of the Deaf

The 37th biennial convention of the New England Gallaudet Association of the Deaf will be officially opened by Mayor Henry Martens in the Mahogany Room of the Municipal Auditorium in Springfield, Mass., Saturday afternoon, September 1st, at 2:30 P.M., and will continue through Labor Day. Headquarters will be maintained at the Hotel Clinton.

Following the address of Mayor Martens Saturday, the invocation will be given by Rev. John J. Watson, of Lynn, who has charge of missions for the Catholic deaf in his hometown. Miss Constance Durian, fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durian, of Hartford, Ct., will recite the "Star Spangled Banner" in the sign language. The speakers at the opening ceremonies will include U. S. Congressman William Granfield from Springfield, Mass., and State Representative Philip Markley, of the same city. Henry Heim, supervisor of rehabilitation in the section for the division of vocational education, will speak on "Problems of the Deaf and Deafened."

Greetings to the convention will be brought by John O'Rourke for Massachusetts, Guy Bonham for Connecticut, Arthur Enger for Rhode Island, Albert Heyer for Vermont, Lawrence Duggan for New Hampshire, and Mrs. Lulu Flynn for Maine. After the speaking program, William H. Battersby of Lynn, president of the Association will open the business session. Among the topics to be discussed are: Employment, liability, compensation insurance and traffic laws.

A reception and ball will be held Saturday evening at eight in El Patio Hotel Clinton. For those who do not care to dance, there will be twenty-four tables of military whist in play. Also there will be bridge and other card games. The high scorers will receive gift-prizes.

At the ball there will be a contest in waltz dancing, which will start at 11 P.M. The semi-finalists will compete for a silver trophy on the following day at midnight. The second and final business session will be on Sunday afternoon from two to five in the hotel, when the biennial election of officers will take place.

A buffet supper will be served in the El Patio Room from six-thirty to eight. After the buffet supper, various speeches will be given, followed by an hour of professional entertainment, including "Chinatown Mysteries" and "Jack Lalley and His Lassies." After the entertainment, several acts will be exhibited by the deaf players under the direction of Miss Laura Kosinski, of Hartford, Conn. "Cherry Blossoms" will be one of the chief features which will be shown by a noted deaf dancer, Miss Helen Heckman, of Boston, Mass., who has had some previous stage experience in dancing all over the United States. At midnight of Sunday, the semi-finalists will continue waltz dancing, competing for the championship of the best dancers of the New England States. The contest will be concluded by general dancing, which will last till two in the morning.

The convention will conclude with an all-day outing at Riverside Park, Labor Day. The events for ladies will be lighted candle race, 50-

yard dash, ball-throwing for distance, rope-skipping, one-legged race, hop race, potato race, balloon race and peeling race, while the events for gentlemen will be sack race, 100-yard dash, shoe race, backward dash, three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, horse-shoe race, and pipe race. There will also be events for girls and boys. A soft baseball game and tug-of-war will follow the Scottish games. The winners of each event will get prizes. If the weather should be warm, a special party of swimmers will be escorted to Balch's Beach for a dip in the water.

Franz L. Ascher is general chairman of the convention committee, which is composed of John E. Haggerty, Ernest A. Sargent, Edward Szopa, John Moran, Arthur Enger, and Arno Klopfer. William H. Battersby, of Lynn, is president of the association; Mrs. William P. Browne, of Wallaston, is vice-president, and Rev. J. S. Light, of Dorchester, is secretary-treasurer.

The New England Gallaudet Association of the Deaf was organized in 1853 by the New England deaf under the leadership of Thomas Brown of West Hennis, N. H., George Homer and Jonathan Marsh, of Boston. The association was named in honor of Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, the founder of the American School at Hartford, Conn., who was the first man in America to start the movement for education of the deaf. The association has as its purpose the promotion of the general welfare of the deaf in matters of employment, liability, compensation insurance, and traffic laws. It offers educational improvement, development and extension, and stands for intellectual, professional and industrial advancement.

Mr. John D. Baker, of New Britain, Conn., whose parents were deaf-mutes, will act as the official interpreter for the deaf at the convention. For auto motorists there will be ample parking space. Hotel Clinton Management offers reduced rates for lodgings. The general public is welcome.

Bronze Tablet in Memory of Mr. Hodgson

To be placed on the wall of the New York School for the Deaf (Fanwood). Contributions can be handed to the committee, or sent direct to the Treasurer, 99 Fort Washington Avenue. All contributions will be acknowledged in the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL. Committee: A. Capelle, E. Souweine, Max Miller, Dr. Thomas F. Fox, Treasurer.

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Wheeling, W. Va

The deaf of Wheeling and vicinity will recall Charles Eisenach, veteran carpenter, who erected Saint Elizabeth's Church for the Deaf about thirty years ago. He passed away early Monday morning, August 13th last. He was arising from bed, when he toppled over to the floor. Members of the Edgwood Fire Department were called. A doctor later pronounced him dead from a heart attack. The deceased was paid respects before his interment on Thursday afternoon in Greenwood Cemetery.

Miss Ethel Paulson, one of the teachers of Saskatoon (Canada) School for the Deaf, was in town for ten days, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Herrold. She made pleasant calls at Miss Ida Millard's and Mr. and Mr. Bremer's places, before returning home to Moose Jaw, Canada, preparatory to her resuming duties at the Institution.

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## Portland, Oregon

About sixty turned out at the party given on the lawn at Mr. and Mrs. Lee's home Saturday night, August 11th. Different entertainments were given. Out-of-town visitors who were present were Mrs. Geo. Riley, of Victoria, B. C., and Miss Fredda Keifer, of Chicago, Ill., now Mrs. Fred Wondrack. The event was under the auspices of the S. F. L. Club, auxiliary of Portland Division, No. 41, N. F. S. D. Proceeds from the party were divided between the Frats and the S. F. L. Everybody had a fine time. The committee in charge were Mrs. R. Spieler, chairman, Mrs. C. H. Linde, Mrs. Lee, with Mrs. Carlson and Mr. Nelson as Cashiers.

The picnic at Peir Park Sunday, August 5th, was also a success, about seventy-five being present. Ball games and horseshoe pitching were the main events of the program. Plenty of ice-cream and soft-drinks were served. The affairs were captained by H. P. Nelson Chas. Lynch and O. Fay, under the auspices of the Portland Frats.

Miss Fredda Keifer, of Chicago, Ill., became the bride of Mr. Fred Wondrack, of Portland, on Monday, August 6th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wondrack. The latter is a brother of the bridegroom, living in Vancouver, Wash. It came as a surprise to some of his friends who did not know of their courtship, which was for some years. They met in the East many years ago. Fred Wondrack came from Ohio several years ago, and is well known among the deaf in this part of the Pacific Coast. He is a tailor by trade, working steadily for a tailoring and cleaning company. He is president of the Portland Division, No. 41, N. F. S. D. His many friends wish them much happiness and prosperity throughout their married life. They will make their home in Portland.

Mrs. Gerde, of San Francisco, was a visitor in Portland recently, coming to meet her husband, who arrived here from Alaska, where he spends the fishing season every year. They formerly lived in Portland. Both returned to San Francisco.

Mrs. Nellie Glutsch and her daughter, Mrs. Zenson, and Master Fred, spent their vacation in Los Angeles, Cal., and surrounding beach resorts during June and July. They were met there by a sister of Mrs. Glutsch who lives in the Southern city.

Miss Lotus Valentine and Miss Marion Finch, employed at the State School for the Deaf in Salem, has just returned to Oregon, after a vacation since July 1st. Miss Finch spent her vacation with a sister in Los Angeles, Cal., taking in many events with the Los Angeles deaf. While there, Miss Finch met Mr. L. A. Divine, instructor at the Vancouver school, and his son, Louis, principal at the Louisiana school, and also was surprised to meet Mr. Geo. Martin from the above school. Mr. Martin was employed for some years at the Vancouver school.

Miss Valentine visited in Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. She spent most of her time in Vancouver, B. C., where she has relatives. Returning, she stopped at Victoria. She also was at Spokane, Wash., where she had a good time during the Fourth of July, being the guest there of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Leary. She was also entertained in Seattle and Tacoma. At the latter city she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hale. August 21st, on the last lap of her long trip, she stopped over in Portland, where a reception in her honor was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle. She said she was glad to get back to Salem, being very tired after such a long trip. She left to prepare for her duties at the school, which opens September 10th. Miss Valentine said she had gained several pounds since she left. When asked what she had been drinking, she answered, "Water."

Mr. Jesse Craven, of Tillamock, Ore., brother of B. L. Craven, of

Portland, passed away a month ago after a long illness, which affected his heart. Mr. Craven worked in a fish cannery for many years, and according to a statement, his boss considered him one of the best workers at the plant, and felt very sad over his death. He leaves a wife.

Some of Portland's deaf are preparing to leave for the hop yards, as a big yield is in prospect.

Mr. C. H. Linde enjoyed a visit from his mother the past month. She left for her home in Wisconsin, August 21st.

H. P. NELSON.

## DETROIT

On August 19th, the Cadillac Association of the Deaf had the biggest picnic the club ever had at Lagoona Park, on Lake Erie, near Monroe, Mich., under the chairmanship of George May. Many took in swimming in Lake Erie, and games and prizes were given to the winners. An exciting game was the rooster race, each winner of two receiving a live rooster for the prizes. Toledoans won the roosters. The beauty contest was won by Miss Schwartz, of Toledo. Over 100 automobiles were there. There were many hearing people too. The committee was George May, chairman; P. N. Hellers, Joe Showronski, Forest Peard, John Walter, T. J. Kenney, Mrs. Anna Mohl and ye writer as lunch committee.

Miss Betty Wilson, of Pennsylvania, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. George Davies, is visiting them for a few weeks.

On August 12th a very pleasant trip on Put-in Bay to Cedar Point was given by the C. A. D. About thirty deaf people went there. Mr. Ivan Heymanson was the chairman.

Miss Alice Ramsey, of Auburn, Ind., has been visiting with her sister and family. She has been a visitor of the C. A. D. to both picnics.

Mrs. G. Engel spent a few days visiting with her sister in Toledo, and was with us on Put-in Bay.

Miss Blanche Jones' sister, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., made a brief visit with her while she was on her way from Battle Creek, Mich., to Detroit.

Mrs. Ida Perry went with the crowd to Lagoona Park last week. She got a surprise when she met her old schoolmate, of Toledo, O., as they had not seen each other for fifty-one years.

Mrs. Hattie (O'Neil) Polk was married to Mr. Rudolph Huhn on August 18th.

Mrs. Riberdy spent two weeks visiting with her friends about three weeks ago.

Messrs. Barber, Bollman, Tarien and Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Rubin were in Chicago and visited the World's Fair. They had a wonderful time there.

Mrs. Matilda Wrobel was instantly killed by a passenger train while she held her umbrella when walking across the tracks. Her husband died a few months ago. They left a son eighteen years old. Mrs. Wrobel's remains were buried on August 13th at Wyandotte.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Redeemer Church, Saturday, August 25th, when Mr. Franklin Thorniley and Miss Jennie Gramsky, formerly of Pennsylvania, were united in holy matrimony by Rev. Father Higgins by sign-language. Mr. Frank Marshesak was the best man, and Miss Mary Gramsky was the bridesmaid. The happy couple, after a brief honeymoon, will be at home at their apartment. A wedding party was given at the groom's sister's residence.

Miss Arlene Kear, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Kear, of Flint, was married to Mr. Paul Zieske, of Flint. A wedding party was given in honor of the newlyweds near Fenton, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lynch have returned from St. Louis, Mo., where they attended the funeral of the former's brother-in-law. He died from blood poisoning.

MRS. L. MAY.

## Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 143 Grant Avenue, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

### HAMILTON

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gleadow returned from Dunville on Sunday evening, and report having had a very pleasant time there. On Wednesday, 15th, Mr. Forrester motored his guests and his own family out to Niagara Falls. They had a lovely drive, and after having a picnic lunch in Victoria Park, they returned by the Glen Inn, where they stopped for supper, and then went on by Port Weller, Thorold, where they were interested in seeing a large freighter discharging a cargo of pulp wood for the paper mills.

The Gleadows took their dog with them, and "Checkers" had a rather exciting time with the Forrester's two cats: "Checkers" is a fox terrier, and is not very fond of cats!

On Sunday, 19th, Mr. Gleadow conducted a service for the deaf of Dunville. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Forrester, the Misses Hedden, Miss Kauffman, Mr. and the Misses Foster, and Mr. William Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor motored to Niagara Falls on Sunday, 19th, to meet Mrs. Taylor's old friend, Mrs. Mortimer, of Rochester, N. Y., and had a very nice time.

Mr. Taylor, who had his hand injured some time ago, hopes to return to work soon, as his hand is much better, though rather stiff yet, and his doctor told him he must be careful for some time.

Mrs. Taylor and her mother, Mrs. Fretz, accompanied the members of the First Methodist Church, on a moonlight sail on the lake and enjoyed the outing very much, admiring the lovely effect of the moonlight glittering on the rippling water of the lake.

Mr. Bud Male recently got a job with the Pure Milk Company, to go round with one of the delivery wagons, as assistant, and was hoping it would be a steady job, so that he would not have to return to school, and was very much disappointed when the company said they could not keep him on account of his deafness.

Miss Peggy Gleadow went to Toronto on Sunday, August 26th, to spend a few days with her friend, Miss Doris Grooms, and afterwards will visit some relatives and also take in the Exhibition.

Mrs. Braven left for Brantford on August 26th, and will make her home there. She has the best wishes of her Hamilton friends.

### LONDON

Mr. Fisher is chairman, and Mr. Ryan treasurer of the committee for the Springfield picnic arrangements for this year. Arrangements are almost completed, and the officials are trying to make the picnic as good and interesting as in previous years.

Mr. Reeves, of Toronto, will take charge of the service on the Sunday before Labor Day.

Mr. Tripp, of Flint, Mich., will give a sketch of Ramses III in the evening.

We hear that quite a number of American friends intend to come to the picnic. We will extend a warm welcome to them and do our best to make their visit a happy one.

The members of the London Association of the Deaf extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Adam and family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Allen, of Greensburg, Pa., lately returned from an excursion to Chicago, where they visited the Century of Progress Exposition. They report having had a wonderful time. They expect to journey to the mountains early in September, where they will spend a week's vacation camping along the Juanita River.

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511 West 148th Street, New York City

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National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, meets at 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City (Deaf-Mutes' Union League Rooms), first Wednesday of each month. For information, write the Secretary, Louis Goldwasser, 318 Haven Ave., N. Y. City.

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## Hebrew Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.

Meets Third Sunday afternoon of the month. Information can be had from Mrs. Tanya Nash, Executive Director, 210 West 91st Street, New York City; or Chas. Joselow, 4919 Seventeenth Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Religious Services held every Friday evening at 8:30. Classes every Wednesday evening. Socials and movies First and Third Sunday evenings.

## Deaf-Mutes' Union League, Inc.

Club Rooms open the year round. Regular meetings on Third Thursdays of each month, at 8:15 P.M. Visitors coming from a distance of over twenty-five miles welcome. Nathan Schwartz, President; Joseph F. Mortiller, Secretary, 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

## Queens Division, No. 115

National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, meets at the Jamaica, Y. M. C. A. Building, Parson's Boulevard and 90th Avenue, Jamaica, the first Saturday of each month. For information write to Secretary Harry A. Gillen, 525 DuBois Avenue, Valley Stream, L. I.

## Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Charles B. Terry, Secretary, 65 Lefferts Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SOCIALS AND ENTERTAINMENTS FOR 1934  
October 27th.—Hallowe'en Party, Mr. D. Aellis.

November 24th.—Social and Games, Miss E. Anderson.

December 26th.—Christmas Festival, Mr. C. B. Terry.

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DeKalb and Myrtle Ave. car stops at Adelphi St.



### The Whir of the "Rattlers"

By Dallas Lore Sharp

I bent over to mend the fire, and in rising hit my head against a tassel of tiny rattlesnake tails dangling from the mantel. The old professor shivered.

"Cold?" I inquired.

"Yes," he replied, "but not for lack of fire. It's strange, but the whir of those rattles was in my ears the moment before you touched them. There are eight tails in that little bunch, all of one species—the ground-rattler. He's the runt among rattlesnakes, but the truth is, he runs all to poison and wickedness."

"Snakes have never been repulsive to me. I really owe my life to those eight whose tails hang there. Yet ever since the night their whirring woke me, the dry rattle of their buttons makes me shiver."

I was hunting in southern Georgia; not hunting, collecting only, when I caught those, and that was the last real collecting trip I ever made South. Perhaps you think that was one too many. A man of seventy has no business off alone in the swamps of the Altamaha; he's too old.

"But I didn't look seventy. Anyway, with the help of those eight little snakes I taught a rascal of half my years some things about shooting."

The old professor was a famous shot, and I knew there was a story coming of some nice work.

"I was after ivory-billed woodpeckers," he went on, "and I started into the woods at Perry's Mills, on the Altamaha. I brought my horse up the river to that point by boat. As the landing was deserted, the steamer had hardly turned the first bend before I was in the saddle. The swamp began immediately, but was broken here by ridges of higher ground. Mounting the third and highest, of these I caught the distant *chug, chug* of the cotton boat, perhaps five miles away."

"As I paused, listening, the puffing ceased, a faint whistle sounded. The boat had pulled in at another landing."

"I had no trouble in finding the trail, which soon dwindled to an irregular line of blazed trees, running most of the time through spongy, cypress-covered bottoms. Not once all day did I hear the drum-beat or the trumpet-blast of the great ivory-billed birds I was seeking."

"Before noon of the next day the trail began to open, leading out of the swamp into drier, more piny stretches, until it at last brought me to what had once been a clearing. The old shanty, sagging hard behind, was still standing."

"Some human being had cleared the patch of ground and tried to make a home. The long, single-roomed cabin was now without door or window. One end of its roof was crushed in, and its chimney was a mere heap of clay and rotten sticks."

"As I approached the cabin a sharp whir startled me, and out of the sand at my feet rose the ugly head of a little sand rattlesnake. As I needed several specimens, I joyfully bagged this one and continued toward the cabin."

"The knoll upon which the shanty sat was of pure sand. About the doorway was a spot half the area of the cabin, which was entirely bare of grass. From the numerous hollows or pits all over it I saw that it must be the place where the wild turkeys and other large birds of the swamp came for their daily dust baths."

"I had put one foot among the hollows when the whir of another snake checked me, and instantly every little crater there in the sand shot up a glittering head and smoked with the dust of a vibrating tail. I had stepped into a nest of sand rattlesnakes!"

"My snood was still unwound, and I began immediately the somewhat delicate task of harvesting this crop of small fiends. One by one

they fought in the loop, twisting and striking; but the ground was soon cleared, and eight little snakes were squirming in the bag."

"I entered the cabin with my mind already made up to camp here for a few days. Putting the bag of snakes down just inside the doorway, I looked about my quarters."

"One-half of the roof was down upon the hard earth floor; but I soon had this debris cleared out. The rest of the roof seemed perfectly safe, and fortunately there was enough of it to shelter me. In the end, covered by the roof and along the wall, opposite the doorway, stood the solitary piece of furniture—a bunk built of live-oak posts, about four feet high, driven into the floor."

"Is till had a good afternoon before me, so, tethering my horse, I started out to hunt till dusk. Up to this time I had neither seen nor heard the great king woodpecker of the swamp. I was not at all discouraged, for if I got one, which was by no means certain, it would be one of the very last of his noble race."

"But along toward mid-afternoon a loud, resonant roll echoed through the swamps, followed by a ringing cry that sent me hurrying down through the pines toward the denser cypress growths. It was an ivory-bill."

"I was just entering the thick swamp when off on my right a twig snapped, and I caught a glimpse of something dark—a mere shadow—some animal, apparently slipping away through the bush. But what animal? In the snap of that stick, in the motion of that shadow, what was peculiar?"

"A man works by hints in the woods. As I hurried on, I felt vaguely that there was something unlike either a deer or a bear in the movement of this animal that had crossed my path. But then sounded loud the ivory gavel, and away I rushed among the trees."

"Now here, now there it sounded, and I followed, without even a sight of the bird, until the wary creature, feeling the presence of an enemy, must have risen and swung off over the swamp."

"One never counts time or distance on such a chase. I had been so eager that I lost count of direction, too. The twilight suddenly reminded me of a cabin off in the woods, but in what direction and how far away I did not know."

"The light could hardly last till I got to camp, and the full moon would not rise above the trees before eleven o'clock, but I hadn't the least desire to camp where I was. My compass showed me that I had circled round and must now be approaching the cabin from the opposite direction to that by which I had left it."

"As I picked my way along, my thought turned again to the shadow in the brush. I was still worrying about it when there was a quick stir ahead of me, and there, with that same peculiar movement, went the creature again."

"It was certainly odd. Was my imagination, helped out by the weird swamp twilight, playing tricks upon me? I cocked my gun, for I was growing uneasy. Then just ahead of me the horse neighed, and I laughed at my foolishness. I stopped behind a bunch of jasmine to examine the cabin before coming out into the open."

"From my first relief at sight of it I found myself dreading to enter, so wrapped seemed this house in eternal silence and night."

"I shook off this nonsense instantly, concluding that I needed a dose of quinine, for nothing under the stars could stir up this bilious imagination but malaria."

"After supper I brought the horse up close to the shanty, tying him in the sandy spot before the door. Bed-making was a matter of throwing my blankets over the bunk, and having done this, I sat down upon the door-sill, for I was anything but sleepy."

"The moon had not yet risen, but there was a soft shadowy light

hanging like mist among the trees, which thinned the darkness."

"The quiet was profound. Now and then it was broken by a cry or a bird-call—an owl among the hollow tupeloes. Down in the brush in front of me something large and dark passed. Then another something. I strained to make out the form when the bush seemed suddenly to turn into resin-barrels, and over them, leering at me, appeared the sinister face of a negro!"

"The sweat started from every pore of my body. I must certainly be ill! But I laid my revolver across my knees."

"This could be but an illusion. That sinister face was one of the last two human faces I had looked upon. It belonged to a negro passenger whom I caught watching me from behind some resin-barrels on deck as the boat pulled out from my landing. It had stuck unpleasantly in my mind, along with the other face, that of a young white man, the only other passenger on the boat."

"He was a suave fellow this, whom my kit and trip had greatly interested. I had broken a twenty-dollar note for him. He collected birds, too, and studied my map of the swamp, remarked on my being alone, admired my two-hundred-dollar hammerless gun, took a look at the picture of my wife on the face of my Swiss watch, asked the price of my new binocular field-glasses, and after a good-natured attempt to get me to play cards, said good night and went to his room with a pretty exact estimate. I was sure, of what I was worth as I stood."

"I had put him down as a sharper, but over and over again during the past two days the thought of him and of my carelessness made me uneasy. I should have been more guarded."

"This all came over me anew as I caught sight of the black phantom face leering at me out in the dusky twilight. But it was all nonsense. The two men were not together. They had gone on up the river, and it was no more likely that I had actually seen a human face than that I had actually seen in front of me the resin-barrels from the boat."

"I can't remember that I ever went to bed before with a revolver under my pillow. This time I put it there, and lay down with my feet toward the end of the cabin, so that I could look out into the open where my horse stood."

"Every now and then a smothered whir from the bag of snakes would rouse me. It was a hot night; the rattlers were restless. In the dim light of the room I could see the bag against the wall. Presently it rolled over on the floor. While watching it move with the squirming snakes, I fell into sound sleep."

"The room was buzzing—it was a part of my dream—a rapid whirling filled my ears."

"A flash of time only was it dream—when all reality! I was awake—wide-awake."

"In the middle of the floor, with clear moonlight flooding through the broken roof upon him, stood the young man, my fellow passenger. The light glinted on a blade in his hand. His face showed white with horror. All over the floor were the swaying heads and whirling tails of the sand rattlesnakes. They had broken out of the bag. Beyond him, in the open, leered the face of the negro."

"Before he had had time to stir I was upon my elbow, revolver in hand."

"If I were you," I said, quietly, but so that he heard through the hum, "I would not move. There's a snake ready to strike right behind you. See, there at your left foot," and as he dropped his eyes he saw a headless snake flatten out upon the floor. My aim was perfect."

"I never was cooler. The real danger before me restored me fully. My nerves instantly responded to their seventy years of training."

"There at your right," I said. The wicked little head fell against his boot."

"Don't go yet. Let the smoke rise. I must kill that snake behind you. Still, now, I'm going to fire between your knees." I pulled. The ball cut a hole through his trousers, as I intended. The snake whipped over with a broken back."

"To his fright at the snakes was added a new and keener horror of my revolver. The next bullet would be the one he deserved and expected! The moments between my deliberate firing were whole lives to him. The rascal's face was pitiful in its terror."

"As the smoke again cleared I looked him in the eyes. Slowly lifting my revolver along his body to the breast, I paused. Then I pointed toward the door."

"Your way is clear now. If I were you, I'd go. Tell the boy to refasten my horse before you leave. And if you are after ivory-billed woodpeckers, you had better hunt some other swamp."

"There was not a sound. He backed out of the door and vanished. The horse reappeared in its place. I waited, but the moonlight made no stir as it brightened, and the silence of the midnight deepened undistributed."

"I never slept better than during the remainder of that night; but it was not until I had rid the cabin of the rest of those little snakes."

### Captured By His Pupils

The fortunes of war create many humorous situations. A Southerner tells a story which the New York *Sun* repeats of a capture made by a Confederate artillery company during the Civil War. Before the war the narrator was one of the older boys in a school kept by a Yankee teacher named Byrne.

Byrne was a graduate of a military school. He organized the higher classes into a military company, and used to drill the boys at recess and after school. We used broom-handles, lathes and sticks for guns. After we had learned the rudimentary tactics, Byrne used to take us out and make us jump gullies, climb fences, charge hogs, and do a lot of things which he told us soldiers had to do.

Once he divided the company and got up a sham fight, in which one boy broke his leg and another sprained his ankle. The parents interfered at this, and Byrne was instructed to train the minds of his pupils and let their legs alone. But the boys liked the military idea, and the teacher used to take us into the woods and put us through our evolutions.

Then came the Civil War, and the school was broken up. Byrne enlisted on the Union side. In time he became a captain and distinguished himself by several acts of bravery.

Nearly every boy he had drilled enlisted in Thornton's famous Confederate artillery company, and some of them became noted fighters. In a dash made in the Southwest, Byrne was captured by some of his former pupils. At the time of the capture it was not known who the prisoner was, but the boys found it out and told the story at headquarters.

The colonel had Byrne brought to him, and said, "Captain Byrne, if there are any more of the boys whom you have drilled who haven't enlisted I wish you would send them here. You have helped us a great deal with those we have."

He then sent Byrne back to his command without exchange.

I was one of the guard who escorted the captain back to his lines, and on the way we robbed a hen-roost and gave our old teacher a dinner. He was a clever Yankee, and he knew we didn't buy the chickens. When the feast was over he said:

"Well, boys, I taught you how to fight, but your colonel must have taught you how to rob a hen-roost!"

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